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25X1 Prior to the arrival of part of the Red Army in Saxony-Anhalt, [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] the most important German specialists,
25X1 especially chemists [redacted] worked at the Buna plant, producing a special
25X1 product, Buna-synthetic rubber, and at LEUNA, producing synthetic gasoline
25X1 and oil from brown coal. In addition, experiments were in progress in the
25X1 LEUNA scientific research laboratories on "heavy water". [redacted]

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25X1 The Section of Internal Affairs (OVD) took upon itself the task of getting some of the specialists back [REDACTED] in order to guarantee normal work for both factories, and to gather through these specialists information on "heavy water" and on persons familiar with this problem.

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25X1 [REDACTED] some of the specialists returned,
among them Dr. chem. Paul HEROLD, supervisor of the scientific research
laboratories of the LEUNA plant, who had been working on problems pertaining

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to the use of "heavy water" and who has recently contributed valuable material on this problem. Within a short time we persuaded nine important specialists, eight of whom are doctors of chemistry and one a chemical engineer, to come [redacted]

Important specialists, such as Drs. chem. FISCHER and DENERT, Dipl. Ing. KOTSULSKI, and others have returned to BUNA and we have consequently been able to develop fully the production of the plant. Among those who returned to the BUNA plant were NSDAP members, e.g. Dr. chem. MENN and Dipl. Ing. RAUER.

The important specialists, Drs. chem. KUPLENGER, GANISH (HANISH), BECKER, and Ing. WELS, all former NSDAP members, have returned to LEUNA. With them were also the former director, Dr. chem. GENT, and Dr. ELL, both of whom had previously worked with HEROLD on the problem of "heavy water". Upon their return to the plant they were immediately set to work on Problem D-20 -- "heavy water". [redacted]

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In addition to those already mentioned, the important specialists, Dr. KAUFMAN and Chem. Ing. HOFMAN also returned.

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As a result of this, it has been possible to get the LEUNA plant into working order, and, of particular importance [redacted] resume work on the production of "heavy water" which is a component part of the "atom bomb".

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NOTE: [redacted]

Dr. HANISH is known to have worked on heavy water during the war. His present whereabouts are unknown.

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HOFMAN was at Bitterfeld working on heavy water distillation. His present whereabouts are unknown.

GENT is possibly identical with GEIB who is now in Moscow.

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